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- An Information Disclosure Statement; and
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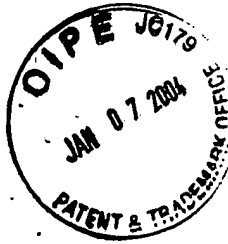
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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97-98, enclosed herewith is:

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listing references for consideration by the Examiner. This application was filed after 30 June 2003. Thus, except for U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications, a copy is enclosed herewith of each listed reference which may be material to the examination of this application, and with respect to which there may be a duty to disclose.

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patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56, or that no other material information exists, and shall not be construed as an admission against applicant(s) interest in any manner.

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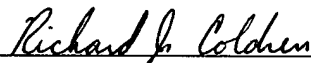
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Applicants respectfully request that the listed references be considered by the Examiner, and that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of these references by initialing and returning a copy of the attached form(s) with the next Official Action.

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